

Utah Wildlife Board Work Session

September 16, 2020

Electronic Meeting

Meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/XdYEhqTxSLw>

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
– Byron Bateman, Chairman
2. Division Update
– Mike Fowlks, Director

Items of Discussion – NOTE: The Wildlife Board will not be taking action on any of the following informational items. This meeting is discussion only. Public comment will not be accepted.

3. Utah Administrative Rule R-657-48, Wildlife Sensitive Species
– Michael Canning, Assistant Director
4. Utah Conservation Success Stories
– Chris Keleher, DNR Recovery Programs Director
5. Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative and Sensitive Species
– Tyler Thompson, DNR Watershed Restoration Initiative Director
6. Examples of Species Proposed for Removal from Sensitive Species List
Bonneville Cutthroat Trout
– Randy Oplinger, Sport Fish Coordinator
Three-toed Woodpecker
– Russ Norvell, Avian Conservation Coordinator
7. Examples of Species Proposed for Inclusion on Sensitive Species List
<https://wildlife.utah.gov/comment-sensitive-species.html>
Western Pearlshell
– Randy Oplinger, Sport Fish Coordinator
Bat Species
– Kimberly Hersey, Mammal Conservation Coordinator
8. Other business
– Byron Bateman, Chairman

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ability of the virus to spread from person to person, the Governor has implemented a number of Executive Orders directed at controlling spread of the virus by minimizing face-to-face interactions. Public gatherings are strongly discouraged by the CDC, State of Utah, and local health departments since they facilitate face-to-face contact and pose an elevated risk for virus transmission. The Division of Wildlife Resources and the chair of this public body have determined that public gathering at Regional Advisory Council and Wildlife Board meetings presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who attend—and will conduct this meeting using a fully electronic format. This meeting format is authorized by recent amendment to the Utah Code¹ and Executive Order by Utah Governor Gary Herbert²—and will be temporarily used in place of the in-person public meetings that usually occur around the state. Anyone wishing to comment on agenda topics in future meetings or to observe this meeting may do so by logging on to the Division's webpage at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html> where instructions and links are provided.

¹ Utah Code Section 52-4-207(4).

² Executive Order Suspending the Enforcement of Provisions of Utah Code §§ 52-4-202 and 52-4-207, and Related State Agency Orders, Rules, and Regulations, Due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel, March 18, 2020.